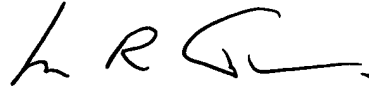


**REMARKS**

Entry of this amendment prior to examination is respectfully requested. Claims 1-62 are pending in the application.

Prompt and favorable consideration of the foregoing are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L R Turkevich', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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